

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2006. Applicants have amended Claims 5, 6, and 21 for clarity. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 14 to 16, 33 to 40, and 66 to 74 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, according to the Office Action's recommendation.


A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the Terminal Disclaimer. Please charge deposit account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or to credit any overpayment.

The Office Action objected to Claims 5, 6, and 21 because of informalities. Applicants have amended Claims 5, 6, and 21 to correct the informalities objected to in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action provisionally rejected Claims 1 to 13, 17 to 32, and 41 to 65 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 15, 30, 40, and 50 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/241,255. The Office Action indicated that Claims 1 to 13, 17 to 32, and 41 to 65 would be allowable if a terminal disclaimer is filed to overcome the double patenting rejection. Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome and Claims 1 to 13, 17 to 32, and 41 to 65 are in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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